

EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL JULY 8, 2013 PARK COMMUNITY CENTER 7PM

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order, present were Atty. Beagle, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Tyger and Mrs. Wisser. Mr. Elzer and Mr. Figley were absent. The minutes of the Safety/Park/Rec/Cem and the regular meeting of June 24 were approved on a motion by Atty. Beagle, seconded by Mr. Cohen. All in favor. The monthly department reports for June were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Atty. Beagle. All in favor. There were no agenda items or Clerks report.

MAYOR: Mayor Zuch stated that the Boatman Cemetery Preservation Society has advised that two additional names have been added to the memorial stone. The work was done by Eric Beight as a public service and he will also see if they can safely straighten a large stone at the South end of the cemetery. Also last year a new sign was placed by the committee explaining the history and background of the cemetery. At this point Mayor Zuch asked Adam Philips to give an update on his Eagle Scout project (the sign with map he is building for the park). Mr. Philips stated that he is building the sign this Saturday and it will be installed the following Saturday, July 20.

MANAGER: Village Manager Pete Monteleone stated that the celebration for the 4th of July went great. He thanked Jerry Coblentz, the PD, and the Fire Department for everything they did. He also thanked Bill Riddle for doing some landscaping work by the Gazebo. He said that Rotary is donating two weeping cherry trees to Glenview Cemetery to be planted by the chapel. He also said that Mr. Figley wasn't feeling well so he wasn't at the meeting but after speaking with him today he requested a Street Committee meeting at 6PM prior to the next council meeting on July 22 to go over the paving plan for next year. He stated he met with Jason Wilson from the Governor's office and he had some good ideas for East Palestine, and he received a contact number to deal with the issue of the coal trains and the black dust the leave behind. He stated that Dave Biggins finished up the roof on the Brick Pavilion and he did a good job. Monteleone then asked Dot Herbert to talk about how the pool is going this year. Mrs. Herbert stated that water aerobics have begun and there are consistently 16 to 18 per session, the 5K run to benefit bringing back a diving board was held in a downpour and they have around \$350.00 so far. Swimming lessons started and there were more than 50 swimmers and pool parties are booked up on the weekends thru the summer and many weekdays are also booked. She stated that they are tentatively working on a volleyball tournament and also a corn hole tournament to also benefit the diving board fund. She stated there have been requests for lap swimming, but since it's not in the ordinance they don't know how to handle it. Mr. Cohen stated that the ordinance could be redesigned so that every time someone wants to make a change at the pool we don't have to change the ordinance. Manager Monteleone stated he received a call that we have been approved for the banners on the light poles; the new pole installation was postponed due to the weather.

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Shirley Smith stated that in regards to Ord. 24-2013 her understanding was that council desired to dispense with the formal bid process to sell the current municipal building, pursuant to the Ohio Constitution and the Charter based on what she was asked to do. Ord. 24-2013 would be amended to basically sell it in accord with the methods of sale based on the Ohio constitution and the Charter and would give Manager Monteleone authorization to offer it for sale, and dispense with the formal bid requirements pursuant to ORC, this would be contingent on the purchase of the PNC building and final approval of Council.

STREET: NO REPORT (MR. FIGLEY WAS ABSENT)

SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEM: NO REPORT

DEVELOPMENT: NO REPORT (MR. ELZER WAS ABSENT) however Dianna Elzer stated the vindicator was here to do an article on all of the new business openings. She stated another group has put together "An Evening on Market & Main" for local merchants on Thursday 18th from 6 to 9pm and they are hoping to get a lot of community support.

UTILITY: NO REPORT ON UTILITIES, but Mrs. Wisser thanked all of the departments for their work on July 4. She also said that the County Commissioner parachuted in for the 50/50 drawing and whoever's plate he landed on got half of the money. They brought in \$800 so the person who won got \$400 and he stated he is willing to do it again next year. Mayor Zuch asked who won the money and Mrs. Wisser said she didn't know her name but she did tell her that the money would be a big help to her.

FINANCE: NO REPORT

VISITORS: Chuck McGuire, Mary Anne Tyger, Chief Kevin dickey, James Hill, John & Dot Herbert, John Davis, Dave Biggins, Adam Philips, Jerry Coblentz, Mark Rhodes, Rich Bolon, Kent Chapman, Dan Scott, Katie Schwendeman, Bill & Jean Riddle, Bill Bigelow, and Traci Thompson. At this point Mayor Zuch gave a brief explanation of the legislation; there were no comments on current legislation.

LEGISLATION: Atty. Beagle introduce ord. 23-2013 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen, All in favor. **An ordinance providing for the authorization of the Municipal Manager to enter into and accept a purchase contract with PNC Bank, National Association successor by merger to the First National Bank of East Palestine, Ohio as to the purchase of real property known as 85 N. Market St., East Palestine Ohio 44413, permanent parcel Nos. 68-01215000 and 68-001216000.** Mr. Cohen stated he had an amended copy of Ord 24-2013 that Atty. Smith explained earlier and made a motion that this amended copy be accepted and read by title only as the second reading, seconded by Atty. Beagle, All in favor. **An ordinance providing for the authorization of the Village Manager to offer for sale the current municipal building located at 144 N. Market St., East Palestine, Ohio, identified as permanent parce no. 68-04105000, deemed not needed for municipal use with the approval of the board, officer and or director having supervision thereof and or municipal council, and in accord with the methods of sale authorized by the Ohio Constitution and the Municipal Charter, further dispensing with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code 721.01 and 721.03, et seq.** Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 25-2013 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen, all in favor. **An ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make supplemental appropriations for the Village of East Palestine, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2013.** Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 26-2013 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Tyger. All in favor. **Authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$235,000 of bonds for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, and improving the West Street Bridge with related site improvements and appurtenances thereto, and retiring a note previously issued for such purpose, and approving related matters in connection with the issuance of the bonds.** Atty. Beagle asked Manager Monteleone to explain this ordinance. Monteleone said the West St. bridge was redone several years ago and that was done on a 5 year balloon payment that comes up soon as we are also trying to purchase the PNC building so we combined and refinanced them and in doing so we were able to secure a lower interest rate and extend it to 20 years which actually saves around \$3000.00 a year. Atty. Beagle stated that the monthly output will be comparable now. Monteleone stated the difference between what we owe and what we sell it for will be put on to the new building to bring it down even lower. Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 27-2013 and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$165,000 of bonds for the purpose of acquiring, improving, and renovating a building for municipal purposes with related site improvements and appurtenances thereto; and approving related matters in connection with the issuance of the bonds.**

ADJOURN: Mr. Cohen made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mrs. Wisser. All in favor, meeting adjourned.
